

SACRED HEART CHURCH

Bushwood, Maryland – Founded 1755

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Rectory Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Masses: Tuesday & Friday 7:00 a.m., Sunday 6:30 and 8:00 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration: After the Tuesday 7 a.m. Mass

Confessions: Saturday, 2:45 – 3:15 p.m.

Baptisms: By appointment.

Weddings: Six months advance notice.

CCD Classes: Sunday, 9:05 a.m., Holy Angels Sacred Heart School.

Emergency Phone: 301-904-7750

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.	Feb.	26	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Tues.	Feb.	27	7:00 a.m.	Francis Swann
Wed.	Feb.	28	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Wed.	Feb.	28	6:30 p.m.	Veronica Thompson & Francis Brooks
Thurs.	Mar.	1	NO MASS	
Fri.	Mar.	2	7:00 a.m.	Walter Lynch, Jr.
Fri.	Mar.	2	11:00 a.m.	David Hester
Sun.	Mar.	4	6:30 a.m.	Parishioners of Sacred Heart & Holy Angels
			8:00 a.m.	Mary Juliana Knott

Dear Sacred Heart Family,

It is tempting to see the Lenten season only as a negative time – a time to fast, to not eat meat, to give up something we love to do or to eat. This is important because it places us with Jesus in the desert for 40 days. But as today's Gospel also reveals, Lent is also about preparing for something positive – being transformed into Jesus Christ. The Transfiguration of Jesus in the Gospel today reveals the goal of Lent, what Lent is supposed to lead us to: for us to become more like Christ. This is the gift that is held out to us.

Many adults around the world are preparing to be baptized at Easter, just like our own Shelly Bean, and this year's Lent is a special time of purification but also enlightenment for them, as they grow in personal knowledge of the grace Jesus is giving them, both during Lent but especially at their baptism. This Sunday's Gospel reveals the goal of baptism – to be united with Jesus Christ so closely that we are transformed into Him. This is the work of a lifetime, and it continues after baptism. This is the reason we are given the Gospels in the Bible – so we can continuously reflect on what it means to follow Jesus, what it means to become more like Him. The beauty of the Catholic faith is that Jesus promises through the Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist – to actually be *with* and *in* us so that He shines through us if we let Him. So that it is Jesus others see in us.

And what are others supposed to see? Jesus gives us the famous Beatitudes so that we can see how we are meant to become more like Our Lord. Therefore, I have inserted another examination of conscience that is based on the Beatitudes, so we can also reflect on who God wants us to become.

May God bless you,
Fr. Anthony Lickteig

SECOND COLLECTION: Our second collection next weekend will be our monthly School Support collection.

CHOIR PRACTICE: Our choir will be practicing for Holy Week and Easter on Mon., Feb. 26th at 7 p.m. All are welcome.

FIRST FRIDAY: Friday is the First Friday of March. Masses will be at 7 a.m. and 11 a.m. (this will be a memorial Mass for David Hester), with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 10 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. Confessions will be held during Exposition and Sacred Heart Devotions will be held after Mass.

PARISH POTLUCK: On Sunday, March 18th, at 1 p.m. Sacred Heart will be having its traditional annual potluck dinner in the parish hall to help bring the parish together as a family. Carolyn Norris is coordinating this event and someone will be contacting parishioners about bringing a main dish or dessert. Come out and enjoy a day of fellowship and good food.

\$100 A MONTH CLUB WINNERS: The \$100 A Month Club winners are, January – Buddy Gibson of Clements and February - Kirstin Norris of North Carolina.

SEMINARIAN TREE: Please take a card with a seminarian name from the tree at the back of church and pray for them. This is a wonderful way to support vocations!

EXTRA WEEKDAY MASSES IN LENT: At Sacred Heart, during Lent, Mass will be celebrated every Wednesday at 6:30pm, preceded by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 5:30pm. During Lent, Holy Angels will celebrate Mass every Saturday at 9:00am.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Stations of the Cross will be offered every Friday in Lent at 7:00pm, along with an opportunity for Confession. Stations will also be offered at Holy Angels every Friday in Lent at 3:00pm along with an opportunity for Confession.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA STATUE: The statue of Our Lady of Fatima is available to be taken to your home for prayer to her. There is a sign-up sheet on the Fatima table at the entrance of the church. You may also call Rose Marie Billard for arrangements to receive her, 301-769-2278. There are also free rosaries and Fatima books on the table.

“COME AND SEE”: Have you thought of becoming a deacon? Are you a man of faith and with a service-oriented heart? The Office of the Permanent Diaconate Formation will soon begin a series of events in various parts of the Archdiocese to select aspirants for the next formation program class. A series of “Come and See” events will be offered that will afford interest men and their wives the opportunity to learn more about deacons and their ministry, the impact of formation and ministry on wives and families, and to ask and receive answers to questions. The remaining 2018 “Come and See” schedule is as follows: Wed., March 7th – St. Aloysius, Leonardtown, 7-9 p.m. and Wed., March 14th – Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, Hyattsville, 7-9 p.m. If you are interested in attending one of the scheduled sessions, RSVP to Ms. Diane Biggs in the Diaconate Office at 301-853-5345 or at biggsd@adw.org.

MASS WITH HEALING PRAYERS: The next Southern Maryland Mass with Healing Prayers will be Tuesday, February 26th, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Confessions will begin at 6:30pm, Mass at 7pm followed by adoration and healing prayers. All are welcome!

HOLY ANGELS CHURCH SEAFOOD DINNER: Holy Angels Church will be hosting a Seafood Dinner on Sun., March 11th, from 11:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. at their parish hall. The menu includes: fried oysters, steamed spiced shrimp, crab balls, fried chicken, parsley potatoes, green beans, cole slaw, pickled beets, rolls, jello and beverages. Served buffet style-all you can eat. Cost for adults \$28, children 6-12 \$8, children 5 and under free, carry-outs \$26, advanced tickets \$26. For more info., please call their rectory at 301-769-3332 or email holy01angels@aol.com.

DRIVE THRU FISH & CHIP DINNER: The 7th District Optimist Club will be sponsoring a Drive Thru Fish & Chip Dinner every Friday during Lent from 5:00-7:00pm at the 7th District Optimist ballfield. Come enjoy beer batter wild caught cod, steak fries, coleslaw, and roll. The cost is \$11.00 and credit cards are accepted.

REQUEST FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Sick: Joann Beavers, Johnny Williams, Roger Munday, Wendy Gibson, Matthew Quade, Leo Osborn, Larry Hill, Rholand & Mary Ann Hayden, Terry Johnson, Ken Cheseldine, David Hill, Mike Bailey, Elizabeth Graves, Virgie Banagan, Bill Finegan, Ginny Guy, Ernest Armstrong, Aloysius Butler, Harrison Robrecht, Bert Dean, Bernie & Anne Marie Quade, Melanie Gibson, Elaine Frederick, and Jr. Farrell.

FEBRUARY VOTIVE INTENTIONS

Blessed Mother Altar – Given by Sarah Pingleton in memory of Wayne Pingleton.

St. Joseph Altar – Given by Sarah Pingleton in memory of Johnny Pingleton.

Sacred Heart Altar – Given by Sarah Pingleton in memory of Mary Agnes Plunkett.